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## Patterson Paves the Road for Fuel Cells

*Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 seeks federal funding to make Michigan a leader in advancing the nation's fuel cell technology*

**LANSING** – The House Energy and Technology Committee unanimously passed a concurrent resolution today to urge President George W. Bush and the Congress of the United States to fund additional research projects in Michigan to advance fuel cell technology, Senator Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, announced.

“Making Michigan a leader in fuel cell technology is a priority I’ve identified as the Chair of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee. We possess the resources, workers, and researchers necessary to make Michigan a leader in advancing the nation’s technology,” Patterson said. “With the recent passage of my resolution through the Senate and the House committee, we are one step closer to relieving our dependency on a limited, non-renewable resource. I am optimistic that we will receive the funding we have requested from the federal government.

“We must not ignore the connection between the recent war in Iraq and the inflation of our gasoline price. The overnight increase further illustrates our need to identify alternative sources of fuel. Michigan, along with the rest of the nation, must be elevated from our dependency.”

SCR 14 recognizes that President Bush identified fuel cell research in his State of the Union address as a national priority. The concurrent resolution also recognizes the important role Michigan is ready to play in advancing fuel cell technology.

“Bringing fuel cell technology to Michigan not only offers solutions to the economic challenges we face. For the benefit of future generations, we must continue to explore all of our options.”

SCR 14 will now be considered by the full Michigan House of Representatives.

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